

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application, of which claim 1 is in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended and claims 4-5 have been cancelled. Claims 1-3 and 6 will be pending after entry of this amendment.

The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the amendment and remarks.

Claims 1-3 and 5-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,289,470 ("Chang"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,032,190 ("Bremer").


The Examiner indicated that claim 4 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The subject matter of claim 4 has been added to claim 1, so claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom should now be allowable.

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Respectfully submitted,

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